

Update: Adoption Proceedings Benchbook

CHAPTER 5

Temporary Placements, Investigation Reports, and the Safe Delivery of Newborns

5.2 Preplacement Assessments

Effective March 2, 2006, 2006 PA 41 amended the law governing preplacement assessments to require a child placing agency to request that an individual seeking a preplacement assessment undergo a physical examination to ensure his or her physical ability to care for an adoptee. Insert the following text on page 161, immediately before subsection (A):

MCL 710.23f(7) provides:

“A child placing agency shall request an individual seeking a preplacement assessment to undergo a physical examination conducted by a licensed physician, a licensed physician’s assistant, or a certified nurse practitioner to determine that the individual is free from any known condition that would affect his or her ability to care for an adoptee. If an individual has had a physical examination within the 12 months immediately preceding his or her request for a preplacement assessment, he or she may submit a medical statement that is signed and dated by the licensed physician, licensed physician’s assistant, or certified nurse practitioner verifying that he or she has had a physical examination within the previous 12-month period and is free from any known condition that would affect his or her ability to care for an adoptee. This subsection does not require new or additional third party reimbursement or worker’s compensation benefits for services rendered.” MCL 710.23f(7).